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SUBJECT: MURDOCH AND HEBERS RELEASED

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1. FORMER SENATOR MARIO HEBER AND BLANCO PARTY PRESIDENT HOMERO MURDOCH, ARRESTED DURING HECTOR GUTIERREZ's FUNERAL ON MAY 25, (REFTEL) WERE RELEASED MAY 28. MRS. HEBER AND THE OTHERS HAD BEEN RELEASED A FEW HOURS AFTER THEIR ARREST.

2. HEBER TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD BEEN TREATED WELL, "EVEN WITH RESPECT" AS HAD MURDOCH. IN FACT, HE SAID MILITARY JUDGE BEFORE WHOM HE HAD BEEN TAKEN, SPOKE OF HIS GREAT RESPECT FOR HEBER BOTH AS A FORMER SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE OF A TRADITIONAL PARTY. THE FORMER SENATOR BELIEVES THAT SOMEONE WAS DETERMINED TO ARREST HIM UNDER ANY PRETEXT BECAUSE HE WAS INVOLVED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH AN EMISSARY OF MINISTER OF ECONOMY VEGH, CONVERSATION CONCERNING AN OPENING TO THE PARTIES. SINCE "THEY" COULD NOT TOUCH VEGH, HEBER SAID, THEY PICKED HIM UP INSTEAD. HOWEVER, VQFCE THERE WAS NO VALID CHARGE ON WHICH TO HOLD HIM, HE WAS RELEASED.

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